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6-year-old died from ies in a freeway crash which few were wearing ir seat belts





MARIO SAINZ, left, and Norma Landeros reflect on their 6-year-old son Jose Arnoldo Sainz Landeros at his funeral on Wednesday. Jose Arnoldo died nine days after suffering major head injuries in a traffic accident in Milpitas.

Kindergartner is laid to rest

By Tom Lochner

RICHMOND — A child is dead. Another clings to life. A family is devastated. A community mourns.

On Wednesday, residents from all over West County gathered at St. Cornelius Catholic Church for the funeral of 6-year-old Jose Arnoldo Sainz Landeros of San Pablo, who died April 10 from injuries sustained in a car accident nine days earlier. His cousin, Alex Nuñez Jr., 7, of San Pablo remains in a coma.

"We accompany our brothers

"We accompany our brothers and sisters in their pain — qui-etly, in silence," said Father Fil-iberto Barrera, the pastor. "It is

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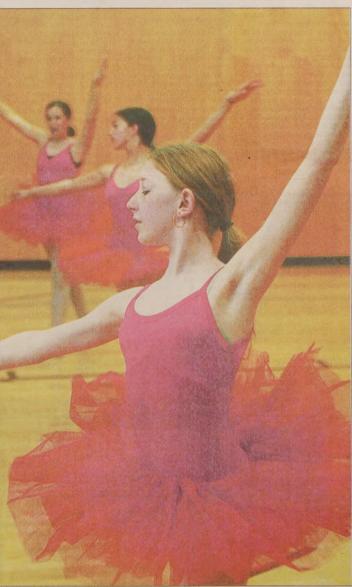
Event will offer Cerrito Theater neak preview

THEATER OPEN HOUSE

The open house will include

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Starting dance troupe keeps teens on their toes



EIGHTH GRADERS Anni Rigney, front, Joanna Poz-Molesky and Tenaya Kelleher ance a ballet called 'Fire,' at an April 11 rehearsal for next week's performance by the dance troupe formed by called 'Fire,' at an April 11 rehearsal for Prospect Sierra Middle School students

DANCE PERFORMANCE

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Future looks murky for

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By Alan Lopez

STAFF WATER

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City Council listens to neighbors, approves new stop signs

Monday meeting was a response to complaints about dangerous and confusing traffic conditions at the intersections of Franciscan Way and Contra Costa Drive, Junction and Conlon avenues and at four intersections along Buckingham, Contra Costa and

Bluegrass at AHS

Folk-dance for fun

Video Grudge Match

movie, cartoons, or just hang, you are welcome, too! For more information: Albany Chamber of Commerce, 510-525-1771, albanychamber@big-planet.com.

NightFire at Muse

Scoops for Schools

Whiskey Brothers

Get flexible

Hoopsters converge

POLICE REPORTS

Woman arrested for identity the

By Alan Lopez

EL CERRITO — A car on the 5700 block of El Dorado Street was pried into sometime between 11 p.m. and 2:16 a.m. the night of April 11

April 11.

■ A vehicle was stolen from the 8500 block of Betty Lane sometime between 6 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. the night of April 11.

■ A vehicle was stolen from Eastshore Boulevard sometime between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. on April 11.

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A vehicle stolen from the 7200 block of Potrero Avenue on April 9 was found by police on Opril 9 was found by police on April 11.

A woman was arrested at the El Cerrito Honda dealership on suspicion of auto theft and identity theft at 6:15 p.m. on April 9, after she used fake identification and bad checks to buy a vehicle.

A car on the 500 block of Lexington Avenue was burglarized sometime between 11 p.m. and 7

Vandals smear paint on Pomona Ave. how

Anniversary ball reservations now open

Mira Vista Golf and Country Club.

The black-tie gala, co-chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Perka and economic development advisory board chairman Christopher Todd Ruetz, is open to the general public. Anyone wishing to attend, who has not yet received an invitation, may obtain one by calling the El Cerrito Chamber at 510-233-7040.

Tickets are \$100 per person and \$175 per couple.

Founders Committee seating, which includes a premier table of 10 guests, recognition from the podium, and a full-page advertisement or journal greeting in the auction program is selling for \$1,917.

Anniversary Committee accommodations, which includes a premier table for 10 guests, recognition from the podium, and a half page advertisement in the auction program, and a half page advertisement in the auction program, costs \$1,500.

The Ball, which marks the 85th anniversary of the city's

\$1,500.
The Ball, which marks the 85th anniversary of the city's founding, will feature an evening of cocktails, casino gaming, an auction, a raffle, a formal dinner and dancing to the music of a live swing/jazz band.

All proceed.

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All proceeds from this event ill go to help finance the ork of the El Cerrito Cham-

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programs for the self-employed.

After 20 years as a secretary/typist in the corporate world, Harvey has a number of good reasons for taking over CitiGold Investments. She readily admits she enjoys being involved in the real estate community and gets a kick out of being able to help people by informing them about the number of financing opportunities available to them.

Besides, it gives her more time to spend with her family. Harvey and her husband, Mark, live on Carson Boulevard in Richmond, a stone's throw from the El Cerrito border. She has two children: a daughter, 21-year-old Tiarra; and a son, 18-year-old son Otis, both of whom graduated from elementary and high school in El Cerrito.

Two more reinvest

Two more reinvest

During the past few weeks two more members, Computer Shoot and Klem Schmidt, demonstrated their support for the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce by extending their membership in the organiza-tion for another year.

In memoriam: Sundar Shadi

Luncheon deadline

"Montclair Sports

which will be open at noon at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, will be Chamber member Dr. Douglas DeSalvo, of Advanced Integrated Medical Center in El Cerrito's Local Online Medical Magazine," Dr. DeSalvo will tell members how they can help the community and their business at the same time. Reservations for this lun-

Art show next week

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The El Cerrito Art Association, an associate Chamber member, holds its 26th annual Art Show and Sale on April 26, 27 and 28 at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The free event opens with a champagne reception and award ceremony at 8 p.m. on opening night. The festivities will be highlighted by the awarding of \$50 first prizes to the first place entries in the show's eight separate categories and

See CHAMBER, Page A6

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — During the hours of darkness on April 17 vandals smeared black paint on a residence on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue. Officers took the report.

■ On April 14 a resident on the 800 block of Solano Avenue reported that in size responded to a bar on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a fight between a couple involving hitting and pushing. Officers arrested a 33-year-old Emeryville man for he 1100 block of Curtis Street reported that experiment on the 1100 block of Curtis Street reported their streeported thieves stole a carved box from the front porch.

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CORRECTION

An editorial in last week's Journal urging public participation in El Cerrito's annual Earth Day cleanup gave an incorrect date for the event.

While Earth Day falls on April 22, the date given in the editor-ial, El Cerrito's observance is on April 20.





Annual dinner honoring local law enforcement agencies is May 25

RICHMOND — There's still time to get tickets for the Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner honoring officers from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Kensington, BART, the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol. The event will spotlight officers of the year.

The annual event held by the

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Mortuary building may get new lease on life

By Kate Darby Rauch

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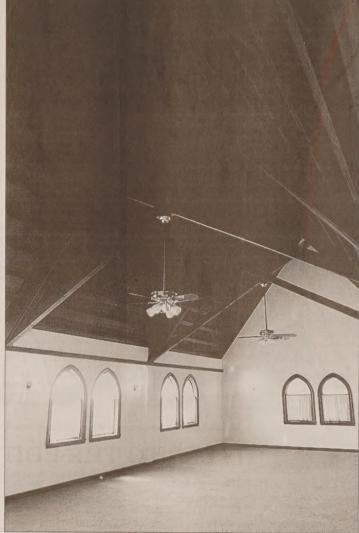
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IF THE NEW OWNER'S plans reach fruition, the building that served grieving families for decades would become a play place for children.



MORTUARY on San Pablo
Avenue in
Albany, built in
1932, is being
sold by Service
Corporation
International.

THE ELLIS-

If Eco Monkey fails, he'll try building housing, a sure bet in high-demand Albany. But Shifferaw hopes this does-n't happen. He's aiming for a franchise. Some kids may be put off by playing jungle in a former em-balming room, but for others it will be enticing, Shifferaw said.

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Albany, UC meet to consider design

IN BRIEF

ALBANY — The Albany City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission, in conjunction with the University of California, Berkeley, has scheduled a joint meeting to discuss the design for the planned redevelopment of 26 acres of university property along San Pablo Avenue.

The meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. April 29 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. For more information call 510-643-6869 or Dave Dowswell 510-528-5769 or visit http://www.cp.berkeley.edu

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Panel to help find superintendent

ALBANY — The school board has appointed a community ad-visory committee to assist with the search for a new superinten-

dent.
Selected in consultation with
the PTA Council, teachers, and
others, the 15-member committee includes parents, students,
teachers, and administrators;
fundraising, union and district
advisory group leadership; and
members of the community at
large.

large.
Six nominations, or self-nominations, were also considered and two of these were appointed. The committee will interview the superintendent candidates and advise the Board on the selection of the finalists.

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The board also approved a description of desired qualifications and personal characteristics for recruiting a new superintendent. The statement was developed by Rudy Gatti, the district's search consultant, based on information gathered in meetings held with more than 150 residents in March.

The statement will be advertised in professional publications, posted on the district Web site and distributed to school districts and prospective candidates throughout the state. Interviews with candidates are scheduled for early May, with a goal of appointing a new superintendent by the end of May.

Nominations for superintendent are encouraged. Names of prospective candidates may be sent directly to the consultant: Rudy Gatti, 716 Blue Spruce Drive, Danville, CA 94506. The application deadline is April 26.

Seniors may file for parcel tax exemption

ALBANY — Seniors who will be 65 before July 1 may qualify for an exemption from the Albany School 1999 Parcel Tax (Measure A), provided an exemption form is filled out and processed by May 1. An application can be picked up at the Albany Unified School District Ad-

ministration Office, 904 Talbot Ave. or can be mailed by calling Beverly Feusier at 510-558-3766.

Safety-smart kids program at Cornell

ALBANY — Cornell Elementary School parents and children are invited to Safety-Smart Kids, a special two-hour program at Cornell School, 920 Talbot Ave., on Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Kids and parents will have fun as they learn and practice basic self-protection skills together.

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This program is great for children from kindergarten through
fifth grade. Bring one parent or
adult friend for each child.

Safety-Smart Kids is a presentation with East Bay KIDPOWER's Joseph Mauer, a longtime self-defense teacher
committed to teaching young
people to keep themselves safe.

Safety-Smart Kids is co-sponsored by the Cornell PTA Parent
Education Committee. For more
information about KIDPOWER
and Safety-Smart Kids, contact
Kidpower's Erika Holmes at 8812262 or eastbay@kidpower.org.

Help tend frog pond

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RICHMOND — Help create a
Pacific chorus frog habitat at the
Mira Vista Field at Sierra and Tulare avenues Saturday, April 27,
from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join
the Friends of Baxter Creek in
tending to the newly created frog
pond and removing invasive
weeds. They will also start the
installation of the children's wetland and wildlife habitat garden
on the Mira Vista School
grounds, which will feature
plants native to the Mira Vista
Field.
Tools, gloves, snacks and

Field.
Tools, gloves, snacks and drinks will be provided, although you're welcome to bring your own gardening tools and gloves. For more information, contact Apple of the Aquatic Outreach Institute, at 510-231-5778 or apple@aoinstitute.org.

Preserving precious paper items

paper items

BERKELEY — Ephemerist Ed
Herny will give lecture on "Preserving Paper" at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Berkeley Historical Society, 1931 Center St. in the
Veterans Memorial Building.
Have you seen the damage a
paper clip can do? Do you know
about foxing? Would you like to
learn how to protect your treasured letters and papers?
This is one of a five-lecture series connected with the exhibit
"From the Attic: How to Preserve
and Share our Past." Subsequent
lectures are creating oral histories
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BART's fiscal woes

ART IS FACING a budget crisis that is largely of its own making. True, the recession in the Bay Area has reduced sales tax revenues and has contributed to a 10 percent drop in ridership. These are the two greatest

Sources of revenue for the rail system.

But the economic downturn is hardly the only cause of such dismaying fiscal news. Even as ridership was dropping off and sales taxes declined last year, BART directors approved an unconscionably large pay raise for employ-

approved an unconscionably large pay raise for employees.

While workers throughout the Bay Area were getting small or no raises — or being laid off — BART unions won a 23 percent pay hike along with increased benefits over four years. That is twice what was reasonable given the economic conditions and that BART employees earn far more than other workers with similar levels of education, training and skills.

Now BART faces the ugly choice of delaying needed projects, cutting services, possibly charging for parking and raising fares all at the same time. That is hardly the way to build consumer confidence and future ridership. BART fares are already much higher than comparable transit systems in other cities and offer more limited service than subways in some large metropolitan areas.

BART managers are going to have to take a look at cutting even more jobs from the system. There should also be a major effort by managers and directors to renegotiate the contract with transit workers.

A one- or two-year delay in pay increases, a common practice in struggling private industry, would help BART balance its books. Workers should realize that a pay freeze is better than layoffs.

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Unfortunately, it does not appear that BART unions are about to give up such a lucrative contract. That means BART riders are almost certain to face fare increases and perhaps parking fees. That is what happens when elected BART directors fail to serve the interests of the public.

Blow to power grab

OV. GRAY DAVIS deserves the thanks of all Californians concerned about improving the quality of education because of his opposition to Assembly Bill 2160. That is the measure that seeks to grab power away from elected school boards and superintendents and give it to teachers' unions. AB2160 would give unions disproportionate control over curriculum, selection of books and other academic issues by including them in the collective bargaining process. Currently collective bargaining is limited to wages, hours and conditions of employment.

The California Teachers Association and other backers of the bill say it would give teachers greater influence in determining school curricula, teacher training and selecting outside evaluators of poorly performing schools. It certainly would, by running roughshod over the voters and school administrators.

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ing outside evaluators of poorly performing schools. It certainly would, by running roughshod over the voters and school administrators.

To his credit, Davis does not want academic issues to become part of collective bargaining. The governor believes, as do we, that teachers should have a role in suggesting what kind of textbooks are used after the education board gives them a list of possibilities.

Davis said, "I don't want textbooks to be held hostage to issues involving wages. We want textbooks in the hands of kids. We don't want them held up for any reason."

The governor thinks that teachers, who see students every day, should be consulted and have a forum in which to give their guidance and recommendations on academic issues.

Many school districts in the state already do work closely with teachers on a number of education issues. However, some do not. Davis would like to see a formalized structure in which teachers in all districts could participate in textbook selection and other decisions affecting education. But he wants to keep that process separate from collective bargaining.

One would think that Davis' early opposition to AB2160 would have persuaded the CTA and other backers to drop it or rewrite it. But that is not the case. In fact, the bill cleared the committee on Public Employees on Tuesday. The union persists in trying to sell the bad idea even after it has been dealt a near-fatal blow by the governor.

It would make a lot more sense for the CTA to work with legislators to devise a bill that would guarantee teachers a seat at the table when academic issues are discussed. But the final decisions must rest with school administrators and elected school boards, which are answerable to the public.

Thanks to Davis' opposition to AB2160, a modest, more realistic measure may now be formulated once the CTA gives up its misguided power grab over education policy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop-sign problem

Why does El Cerrito bother to have "STOP" signs, since very few drivers obey them?

I walk throughout El Cerrito and walk my three young children to school every day. I see too many drivers barely slow down at intersections with stop signs and rarely see one actually stop.

It would probably take three seconds for the offenders, men and women of all ages, to stop. If you stop at 10 signs going through EL Cerrito, that's only 30 seconds added to your time.

Just like the drivers speeding through our neighborhoods, will the five seconds you gain racing to the stop sign you barely slow down for, going to make that much of an impact on your lives?

Are our lives that rushed and time so tight that we risk our lives for mere seconds? What's next, running stoplights?

Various neighborhoods have tried to get speed bumps installed to slow down speeders but on Navellier Street, the so-called solution was to place stop signs at Navellier and Manila streets. What a joke! I've seen more people run those stop signs than actually stop.

What's the purpose of driving laws?

Our safety! I don't feel safe crossing some of El Cerrito's streets where there are stop signs because you never know who will or won't stop. If I, an adult, can't feel safe, how are our children going to feel safe, how are our children going to feel safe, how are our children going to feel safe crossing the street?

I first thought the police should sit at some of these intersections to catch offenders. However, that's an impossibility, since our police force isn't large enough to cover such a recurring citywide problem. Besides, I would rather have the police working on much tougher crimes than pulling over adults who should have the common sense to obey driving laws.

I ask those who are driving through El Cerrito to please obey the laws. Many of us residents would really appreciate that.

Karyn Canales El Cerrito

Revise budget plan

Revise budget plan

The Bush-proposed increase in the military budget of \$48 billion needs considerable revision. It should provide a 5 percent increase in the pay of non-commissioned military personnel and low-paid clerks. That increase should be balanced by comparable decreases in welfare programs.

For the wealthy, eliminate excess personnel wherever it is, and recommend an excess-profits tax of 10 percent. In addition, the space program should be reined in.

Funding for unproved weapons said to be capable of shooting down bombs on their way to targets in our cities should be deferred until the weapons are tested and found effective.

Thus funds could be released for needed anti-poverty programs, public television and, of course, the essential environmental protections and safety nets in

Still a Quonset hut

Still a Quonset hut

A Quonset hut is still a Quonset hut, by any other name, despite the efforts of Dave Weinstein and Lori Dair and their organization to turn this decaying building, with its mediocre, kitsch murals into the theater of their dreams.

At a time when the technology exists to provide movies on demand directly to the home, it is puzzling why this group wants to pursue this project. Not only would this venture cost the city of El Cerrito in excess of \$1 million to purchase, earthquake-proof and renovate, but would only serve a tiny, boutique audience. As yet, we have not heard this group volunteer to raise funds necessary to accomplish its goal.

El Cerrito has a successful, city-owned civic theater on Moeser Lane that is in the process of modernizing and expanding. A better solution might be to add a small, multipurpose room that would serve as a movie theater, as well as meet the community's desire for a smaller informal meeting place.

If Sustainable El Cerrito is serious about having a movie theater in town, why not work to build on what we already have?

Edwin and Ethel Weber El Cerrito

Balance management

Anti-snowmobile extremists, inside and outside the National Park Service (NPS), dramatized for the press the purported impact of the machines on air quality by recently donning gas masks. They refuse to admit that simple good management measures can protect snowmobile access, visitor choices and the environment.

lieve.

This year, entrance passes are sold elsewhere — not at the gate. Visitors drive through, with no stopping and no fumes buildup. Snowmobile clubs and businesses had requested this reform for

years.

The snowmobile industry has demonstrated the machines can be cleaner and quieter. Last November, the NPS received data from snowmobile manufacturers showing that some new snowmobile models reduce emissions by 90 percent.

The NPS decision banning snowmobiles and replacing them with snow-coaches, which are so noisy passengers have to don earplugs to ride in them, wouldn't improve air quality. A recent study, sponsored by the state of Wyoming,

the interests of the aging, disabled and children.

Dan Freudenthal

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Sustaining diversion

There is much fuss and exciteme these days about the Cerrito Theatera its murals. Happily, the El Cerrito C Council voted to lease the property it wo months to study options on how preserve the theater. They are to be high commended for their visionary decisin It's important, however, for us to this outside the box, as well as just within it city. Few theaters, with their history a art, have been saved in Contra Cor County. In 1998, the 1926 State Theasin Martinez was undergoing a \$3 milliferstoration to be transformed into office for the public defender rather than beir restored as a theater.

No vintage movie theaters, to my knowedge, have escaped the demolition cres in West County. There were four or five Richmond alone, which are all gone more than the county important for their history and cost they are a testament to the American of the tractions of motion pictures.

The Cerrito Theater should be saw not just for El Cerritans, but also for people of Contra Costa County. O movie houses sustained us through the times and good and the Cerrito can so again.

Numbered exits

Numbered exits

Other savings will more than make the \$40 million costs of the new highs signs.

The numbering with small signs hopefully reduce the need for the gigtic sign bridges that go all the way acrithe highways, many of which cost wover \$100,000. The overtime for emplees to put these signs up, often in them dle of the night, will be able to be reducted. The number of engineers required calculate the wind and seismic proble of the big signs will be reduced. Main nance costs of simple signs without life ing should be much less.

The numbering of exits should a have a significant effect on highwafety, as unfamiliar drivers will be better able to find exits that do not requiremembering unfamiliar names, whould not be used for exits. And the nuber of drivers who cut across other lab to exit unexpectedly should be reduced. It is no mistake that all the large subhave long had numbered exits.

Charles Smerkel

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Catholic church scandal could lead to better times

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see heart, because age potential upside s, too. Don't discount ity that the Holy work its will and rein-c Church in spite of appened before. e hopeful signs, both roots, where



MARTIN SNAPP

Here's hoping the old lion is able to summon up enough of his failing strength to roar one more time. I hope he tells them this is not to be tolerated. And for a couple of them, I hope he demands their red hats.

And that should be just the beginning. Everyone who participated in the cover-up will have to go, which means a sizable chunk of the American hierarchy.

chy.

The good news is that this will open up slots for the good guys, who did the right thing without being forced to by law suits or the press, Guys like Oakland's own Bishop John

Oakland's own Bishop Jonn Cummins.

Fifteen years ago, when he instituted a Draconian zero-tolerance sexual abuse policy here, he was laughed at by some of his fellow bishops. I wonder if they're laughing at him now.

When I heard the news that the Pope had summoned the American Cardinals to Rome, I confess that one of the first thoughts that went through my mind was "Wow! This is so exciting!"

times." And you gotta admit: Ever since the turn of the century, the times sure have been interesting. Maybe there's something to this Millennium mumbo-jumbo, after all.

Back in the '90s — remember them? — we were told that history had come to an end. The economic boom was going to last forever, and tranquility would reign worldwide under the Pax Americana.

Nice, but boring. The only thing we had for diversion was some presidential hanky-panky.

Then came the Great Unraveling, starting with the Bush-Gore election and coming to a climax on Sept. 11. Since then, every story in the news has had a plot that's more dramatic than any TV-movie. We are living in a historic moment, and we know it.

historic moment, and we know it.

If only we didn't have to pay such a terrible price.

Speaking of history, no fewer than 14 mayors of El Cerrito — Jane Bartke, Rich Bartke, Norma Jellison, Don West, Mae Ritz, Ken Brendt, Ernie DelSimone, Jean Siri, Dick Mank, Cathy Kosel, Norm LaForce, Marge Collins, Howard Abelson and the current incumbent, Janet Abelson — showed up at Arlington Community Church in Kensington on Friday to pay their last respects to Sundar Shadi.

Shadi.
What better commentary could you have on the impact this man had on generation after generation of El Cerritans?

One way we can honor Mr. Shadi's memory is to help the El Cerrito Soroptomists Club preserve his incredible sculptures. It's actually a great investment: Folk art is all the rage, and in a few years the Shadi sculptures are going to be as valuable as Grandma Moses paintings. Another way is to honor other heroes in our midst, while we still have them. People like Louis Flynn, the founder of the Contra Costa Community Theater in El Cerrito, and Lewis Mahlman, the puppeteer at Children's Fairyland in Oakland.

But the best way is to look inside ourselves and find the best way we can emulate the spirit of Sundar Shadi (and Joseph Charles, the Berkeley Waving Man) in our own lives. Not by copying what they did, but by finding our own way to, as the adage says, "leave the land a little better than we found it."

Footnote: I got an e-mail last week from a reader who took exception to my describing Mr. Shadi and Mr. Charles as "holy men."

"How can you call them ho men."
"How can you call them ho men?" he writes. "They didn't suffer! They loved what they were doing!"
To which I reply: Who says you have to be miserable to be holy?

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All's noisy on rural front, thanks to off-roaders

T WAS HIGH NOON in the woods of Eastern Massachusetts and your columnist was standing in the middle of an old footpath waiting to nab one of the motorcyclists who was turning it into a dirt track.

who was talking it into a unit track.

A believer in family traditions, I carried my grandfather's hand-carved walking stick with the metal end. There was no sound in the sunny woods except the undulating snarl of a two-cycle engine getting closer and closer. The long-awaited showdown was about to go down, and yours truly was both apprehensive and expectant.

Here's a little background on how I got into this strange position. I inherited some woodland from my parents. This property is mostly pines, brambles, ledge, and a big bog known as the Duck Pond. I've hung on to it despite rising taxes because I want to keep it in its natural state. I grew up with the wild creatures there, and I don't want to evict them and replace them with a subdivision and yuppies. What was once derided as "the sticks" is now being seen as a desirable living area.

But the country is filling up, and there are fewer and fewer places where people can get off road to walk, run dogs and ride horses, bikes, and motorcycles. It's only the motorcycles that bother me.

They have widened out the footpath so that three-wheel, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) can use it, too. A little more and they will be able to run jeeps and pickups. And then they carve more trails, further disturb the wildlife, make camps, create litter and noise and cangerous rural slum.



ors.
Flash back now to that sunny noon when I waited for whoever would appear atop the rise in the trail in front of me. I knew he would be coming fast, and he did. He had time to stop, but I wasn't sure he would do it. I got ready to step aside and show him the old stick-in-the-spokes trick—this is country, not city—but he skidded to a halt a few feet from me.

The rider was a man ween.

The rider was a man wearing a helmet with one of those dark plastic face covers you can't see through. He sat gunning his engine while we inspected each other. Then I got off the line I had been readying for just this moment: "So, we meet at last."

He pulled off his helmet and

meet at last."
He pulled off his helmet and asked with considerable irritation, "What do you mean at last?" To my amazement I found myself looking at a man about my own age! "I've never been here before in my life," he added by way of explanation.
And so the old gents got to

about this obscure little trail
had spread that far in dirt biker
circles confirmed my worst
fears.

He was a nice guy, and said
he wouldn't be back. I told him
he could ride there if he
wanted, just tell the others
there was some crazy old man
with a stick running people
off.

When I was younger, I
would have wanted a dirt bike
myself had they existed. Later I
did ride a friend's Honda 350
until I was hit head-on in a car
and realized how lucky I was
not to be on the two-wheeler. I
empathize with the bikers, yet
they are the vanguard of a
mechanized army which is destroying and what's left our
natural habitats.

Diplomatic mission

Diplomatic mission

Figuring I was on a roll, I paid a visit to the venerable patriarch of the local clans. Yes, it sounds like Afghanistan, and there are similarities. I suspect this is true in any rural area where the young of the clans tend to stay generation after generation and interbreed. I was not one of them, but I grew up with them, so I am OK.

Newcomers, however, are on

but I grew up with them, so I am OK.

Newcomers, however, are on probation for years. Against local advice, one such family needlessly antagonized a subclan chieftain. They subsequently found life so unpleasant that they sold a house on which they had done much work and moved away. They were not missed. This is country, not city, not yet.

Since many of the bikers were clansmen, or clansboys, I went to see the patriarch about

Local off-roaders

What brought all this to mind was a newspaper account of a crackdown on off-roaders destroying a large pristine area of San Mateo County known as Rancho Corral de Tierra in the vicinity of Moss Beach and Montara. The entire ecology is being disrupted by everything from dirt bikes to SUVs.

People say the intruders are "taking over the land like squatters, bringing with them their own alien culture." Added to the roar of engines is the thunder of boom boxes we in the city know all too well. The article illustrates in microcosm what is happening all over the country as mechanized barbarians wreck what is left of nature on both private and public lands. (Check it on www.sf-gate.com by typing in "off road.")

I count myself fortunate that I have so far been able to keep one small piece of America largely unspoiled. But we can

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Tri-tip barbecue

The Lions Club of El Cerrito, an associate Chamber member, holds its 15th annual tri-tip barbecue dinner on Sunday,

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April 21.
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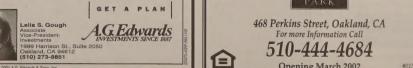


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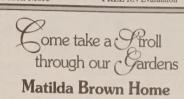
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"The lobby is a wonderful little oval or oblong kind of space that is all art-deco treated with little trim moldings and colors and whatnot, that would be wonderful to restore," said Challinor. "It would be wonderful to see it as a movie house again."

She added that even if it's not restored as a theater, it could be-

come a space for a non-profit or-ganization.

The city is in the middle of a two-month lease, with an option for a third month with the owner, in order to figure out what to do with the building. Since entering into the lease, the city has been working on architectural draw-ings and a survey to find out

what residents want to see in the building's future.

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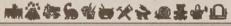
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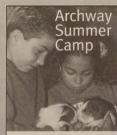


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but we feel that the city needs to consider where and how development should be carried out," said Apple Szostak, a coordinator for the Friends of Baxter Creek and an employee at the Aquatic Outreach Institute.

"It's a pretty special area," added Szostak, "and we feel the city does not have many pristine creek corridors left and it would be a mistake to destroy this one."

O'Keefe said the planning commission objected to removing the vegetation and trees in the area. In addition, she said, the plan did not comply with the city's general plan, which was updated in 1999, a few years after the Bay Vista plan was first submitted and approved by the city.

The planning commission was

submitted and approved by the city.

The planning commission was mostly in agreement with about 10 residents — including members of the Friends of Baxter Creek, the Sierra Club and residents who lived near the creek — who spoke against the plan.

"It didn't conform with the current general plan to preserve creeks in El Cerrito," said O'-

block of Contra Costa Drive on the Kensington border petitioned the city for a stop sign at the intersection of Franciscan Way, Highgate Road and Contra Costa Drive.

In a letter, they wrote "in the past few years the number of vehicles traveling on our street and the speed at which they travel both appear to be increasing. We are requesting several improvements that we believe would decrease the likelihood of accidents and injuries."

A resident on Fern Street requested a stop sign at Junction and Conlon avenues because she saw an accident almost occur there. A Richmond resident said there was confusion at several intersections along Buckingham, Contra Costa and King drives where people are unsure of who has the right-of-way and who should yield to oncoming traffic.

At the meeting, resident Lisa Schliff pleaded with the council to install a four-way stop at Brewster Drive and Buckingham Avenue. Consultant Charlie Abrams of Abrams Associates, recommended just two stop signs for Brewster Drive at the intersection, so that traffic would not be slowed on Buckingham Avenue, a collector street for cars.

Schliff, however, said residents on Brewster Drive at the intersection because they can't see when cars are approaching.

"If there's a four-way stop, then we could see who's there," Schliff said.

Signs

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Keefe, "and to preserve and protect our riparian habitat and wildlife habitat and to preserve the oakwood forest."

The developer, Security Owners president Jim Busby, did not return repeated phone calls, but in January he said a planned culvert and pipe to carry water would actually improve the creek and that every effort would be made to minimize the consequences to the vegetation in the area.

"It's going to be preserved and treated like a creek," Busby said at the time. "Right now it's no more than a running ditch carrying runoff from streets above us."

A city staff report urged the planning commission to OK the

rying runoff from streets above us."

A city staff report urged the planning commission to OK the extension, concluding the development would not harm the area. And the updated general plan did not prohibit the development.

"A review of the new general plan did not reveal any new policies that might affect approval of the subdivision," the report stated.

"There are general policies relating to preservation of natural features and creeks, erosions control and runoff, and view and open space protection. There are

The council sided with Schliff, and asked Abrams to go back to study the intersection.

Residents have also complained that on some streets near the Del Norte and El Cerrito Plaza BART stations, it's sometimes impossible to see if there are cars approaching when making turns from side streets onto the major thoroughfares Fairmount and Central avenues and Cutting Boulevard.

Abrams recommended installing red zones at 17 intersections on those streets. They included: Kenilworth, Tapscott and Snowdon avenues at Cutting Boulevard; Albemarle, Norvell, Everett, Liberty and Kearney streets and Clayton at Central avenues; and Albemarle, Norvell, Everett, Behrens and Victoria streets and Clayton at Fairmount avenues.

Only one though — at Behrens Street and Fairmount Avenue — was approved because Behrens is crowded with motorists heading to Harding Elementary School

"It's a balance between increasing the sight distance as much'as we can while not losing too many parking spaces," said Abrams. Thirty-five on-street parking spaces would have been lost if all of the red curbing had been approved.

The council, siding with Councilwoman Gina Brusatori's fear that it would be "painting the town red," decided to study further the other red zones.

"We're not going to red-curb our way out of every problem ... every time we do that, it creates more problems," said Councilman Mark Friedman.

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no policies specifically directed at the Bay Vista site. The old gen-eral plan that was in effect when the subdivision was first ap-proved also included similar poli-cies supporting preservation of natural features, views and open space."

The planning commission will likely make its final decision on the development in May and if it chooses not to grant the extension, Busby will have the option of appealing the decision to the City Council. After that, it could go to the courts.

Codornices Creek makes top 10

suggestions on how to improve and develop partnerships between local groups and government, and approaches to providing support and improved guidance for grass-roots groups.

Funeral

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a custom of our Latino community."

The outpouring of solidarity, with hundreds of people, including teachers and administrators from both boys' schools, paying their respects over two days of vigils and services, came despite the fact Jose Arnoldo's immediate family has lived in the Bay Area only since January.

"It's something we're born with," said Lourdes Gonzalez, a family friend. "When somebody hurts, all of us hurt. When somebody burts, all of us hurt. When somebody cries, all of us cry. When somebody is happy, all of us are happy. In good times and bad times, we're together."

This is the latest chapter in an immigrant family's odyssey through poverty, hope and near-Biblical tragedy, from one woman's journey north from a village in Western Mexico to the death of a child in a packed SUV on a Bay Area freeway.

Jose Arnoldo, who attended kindergarten at Kensington Elementary School, suffered severe head injuries when a 1999 Cadiilac Escalade he was traveling in rolled over on Interstate 880 in Milpitas shortly before 8 p.m. on April 1. He died nine days later at Valley Medical Center in San Jose and was buried in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in San Pablo following Wednesday's funeral Mass.

Alex, a second-grader at Downer Elementary School of a power of the power of

Mass.

Alex, a second-grader at Downer Elementary School in San Pablo, was moved from San Jose Medical Center to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Oakland on Wednesday. Although still in a coma, he has begun to breathe on his own, his mother said.

Jose Arnoldo's mother, Norma Landeros, attended the services in a brace due to head and neck injuries; Alex's mother, Maria

Nuñez, suffered a fractured skull;
Alex's sister, Myra, 11, who is in
sixth grade at Kensington school,
broke an arm. All three have
been released from hospitals.
Another sister, Alejandra, 13,
suffered lesser injuries, as did the
driver, Hortensia Rascón of Richmond, her son Omar, 13, and
daughter Xiomara, 7.
The group was returning from a
day trip to Santa Cruz on the
first day of spring break.
Highway Patrol officer Les
Bishop said the SUV, traveling in
the left lane, swerved for unknown reasons, entered the center divider, spun out of control
and rolled over, ejecting most of
its nine occupants, including Jose
Arnoldo.
Maria Nuñez said Rascón was
avoiding a car that had spun out
next to her after racing with another car.
Bishop said at least seven of
the nine occupants of the SUV
were not wearing seat belts.
The accident is under investigation. No citations have been issued.
It was the second time in less
than six months that Jose
Arnoldo and Alex were tied together by an accident. On Hallowen 2001, the boys were waiting to buy ice cream from a truck
on their block when Jose
Arnoldo noticed he did not have
enough money.
"He (Alex) said, 'Wait here, I'll
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"I think we need a little more vision on this, rather than being reactive on these particular situations," said Friedman.

"I think the staff and council needs to look at the future," added resident Peter Loubal "and work towards a more comprehensive view of what to do with traffic in El Cerrito, as things get worse."

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Gate view, a full bath, and a separate cooking area. A deck off the back door to the basement also has a Bay view. The back yard has rose bushes, a terraced garden and a lemon tree. There is also a detached one car garage. The current owner of 1152 Amador reflected on what her favorite qualities were about this house, after 49 years of living here. She mentioned "this lovely, peaceful, tree-lined street, on which all of the utilities were undergrounded several years ago." Then she added that it was also very nice to be within walking distance of the charming shops and restaurants of Berkeley's famed "Gourmet Ghetto," which are only a few blocks below along Shattuck Avenue.

This Arts-and Crafts gem will be open this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. The property is being offered for sale at \$775,000. It is listed by Haideh Chew, of Prudential California Realty. She works in the Piedmont Office, at 342 Highland Avenue in Piedmont.

To arrange a showing of this property, or for any other questions about it, you may call her at 510 287-9003.

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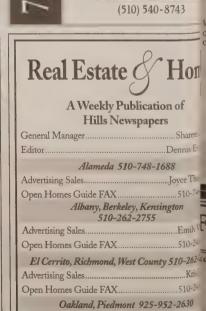
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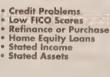
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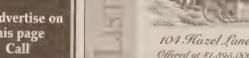
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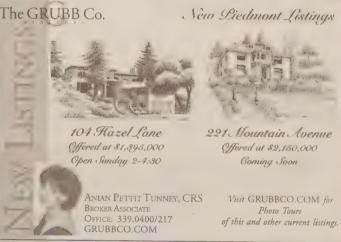
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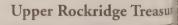
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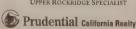


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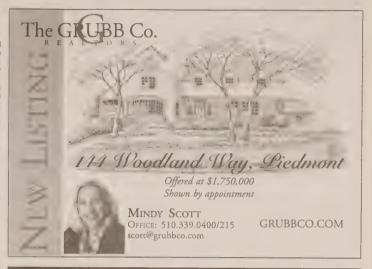
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Multiple counteroffers are different. Rather than work with one offer at a time, the sellers issue counteroffers to several buyers at once. The buyers are notified that counteroffers have been issued to more than one buyer. Each buyer has a chance at being accepted in primary position. But, final acceptance rests with the sellers.

There are pros and cons to multiple counteroffers. Some buyers and const to multiple counteroffers. Some buyers ilke them because it gives them a second chance if their price wasn't high enough. In a multiple offer bidding situation, it's difficult to know how high you need to go to be the successful bidder. And, of course, you don't want to pay more than you have to.

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California recently announced that highly regarded real estate veteran Alain Pinel will retire from the company in July and return to his native France.
Pinel, who founded and later sold Alain Pinel Realtors, has spent the past seven years as a senior executive with Coldwell Banker, most recently serving as senior vice president and regional manager for the company's San Francisco and Peninsula offices.
"Alain has arguably been one of the Bay Area's most legendary real estate professionals," said Avram Goldman, presidential and chief operating officer of Coldwell Banker. "He played a critical role in Coldwell Banker server fortunate to have someone of Alain's caliber help lead our operations. We'll miss his knowledge, creativity, and charisma, but wish him well in his new adventure in France."
Pinel said the decision to leave Coldwell Banker wasn't an easy one, but he and his wife, Corinne, have been longing to return to France. About two years ago, they began building a house in the South of France in the hills above the Mediterranean. When they went to visit the new home last winter, they found it hard not to stay. "We

this is where we should be," Pinel said.

Since joining Coldwell Banker in 1995, Pinel has left his mark on the company and the real estate market. Pinel, whose expertise is in the luxury market, was instrumental in blending a number of recently acquired high-end brokerages into Coldwell Banker's operations and helping to grow sales and market presence in Silicon Valley, the Peninsula and San Francisco.

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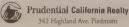


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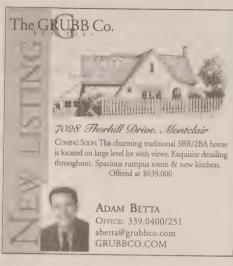
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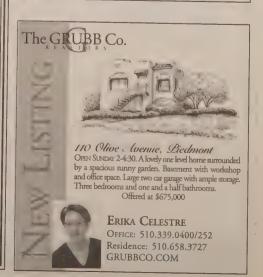
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5640 Sacramento Av - \$361,000
2118 Sand Dollar Dr - \$320,000 SAN LEANDRO

1111 Arthur Av - \$200,000

763 Barri Dr - \$346,000
16806 Carriage Ln - \$251,500
2498 Croyden Ct - \$330,000
15081 Dewey St - \$323,000
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15559 Farnsworth St - \$360,000
686 Freesia Ct - \$448,000
150 Haas Av #314 - \$269,000
15266 Hardin St - \$340,000
2032 Luna Av - \$221,000
730 Matoza Ln - \$505,000
735 Matoza Ln - \$542,000
15375 Mendocino St - \$370,000
3523 Monterey Bl - \$371,000
452 Nabor St - \$285,000
14578 Outrigger Dr - \$335,000
1944 San Rafael St - \$383,500

SAN LORENZO

407 East Lewelling BI - \$360,000 16048 Silverleaf Dr - \$418,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 7 LOWEST PRICE: \$275,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$565,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$396,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$404,214

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2 LOWEST PRICE: \$279,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$420,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$349,500

BERKELFY

TOTAL SALES. 9 LOWEST PRICE: \$315,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$945,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000 AVERAGE PRICE \$600 611

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4 LOWEST PRICE: \$305,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$450,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$401,250

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$224,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$445,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$257,000 AVERAGE PRICE \$308 667

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$164,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$225,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$201,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$196,667

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1 PRICE: \$375,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES 49 LOWEST PRICE: \$126,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$328,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$407,010

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 30 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$450,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$267,533

SAN LEANDRO

SANTUEDNZO

TOTAL SALES: 2 LOWEST PRICE: \$360,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$418,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$389,000

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Piedmont - Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.



104 HAZEL LANE \$1,395,000
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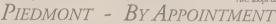
Anian Petrit Tunney \$1,395,000 8 PARK WAY
A wonderful and spacious brown shingle beauty with Queen Anne detailing & style. 4BR/2+BA. Wonderful artic FR, lovely rear deck & sunny garden.

110 OLIVE AVENUE
\$675,000 8 PARK WAY

110 OLIVE AVENUE \$675,000
Sunny Piedmont home surrounded by a spacious garden.
Huge basement with workshop and office. Two car garage with ample storage. Erika Celestre



149 RONADA AVENUE \$519,000
This delightful 2BR home is located on a lovely tree lined street close to schools & services, as well as Oakland's Piedmont Ave. shops & restaurants. Garden & deck. Mavis Delacroix





\$2,950,000 Stately Regency Revival mansior renovated. 6BR/4.5BA, expansive large terraces w/sweeping Bay views. PIEDMONT COLONIAL \$1,985,000 This home has it all...gracious form details, traditional floor plan, city garden plus adjoining park.

MEDITERRANEAN
\$1,935,000
Mediterranean showcase w/expansive gardens, European kitchen, sumptuous master retreat. The perfect place for a distinctive lifestyle of comfort & harmony. Sandra Vogl CLASSIC IN DESIGN
This English style home exemplifies quality. It has been been lovingly maintained & enhanced by a sophisticated decor. 4-BR/3BA, studio, patio & garden. Mindy Scott TRADITIONAL
Built in 1998, this 4BR/3BA home offers high ceilings, island kitchen/family room leading to level garden, "neighborghly" front porch & Bayviews. Linda McClain

PIEDMONT 4-PLEX

\$949,000

Rare opportunity - brown shingle 4- plex in one of the East Bay's most sought after neighborhoods. Close to chools, shopping & entertainment, Mavis Delacroix schools, shopping & entertainment. Mavis Delacroix VERY ATTRACTIVE HOME \$619,000 Craftsman detailing w/updated kitchen & baths. Grand dining w/leaded glass. 2+BR/1+BA with level access to garden. Near park and transportation. Linda McClain

OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.



6023 SKYLINE BOULEVARD \$1,750,000 Graceful Mediterranean w/top of the world views from 3 levels. Kitchen/family room opens to garden. Den, library, wine cellar & office. 4++ BR/3BA. Erika Celestre



2 MORRILL COURT \$699,000 Lovely 4BR/2.5BA home in top location. Great master suite upstairs. Large garden patio off updated kitchen. Gracious and spacious. Katherine Cooper



1586 TRESTLE GLEN RD. \$659,000 Enjoy the architectural charm of this stunning 3BR traditional with remodeled kitchen in the desirable Trestle Glen neighborhood. Sheila Gallagher 5350 LAWTON AVENUE \$645,000 Wonderful 4BR/2BA Craftsman bungalow, in great Rockridge location. Classic front porch & unspoiled interior details. Redone floors, fresh paint, more! Nacio Brown



2821 SYLHOWE ROAD \$645,000 Enjoy the peace & privacy of this unique retreat on ove 1/2 acre. Master suite & sitting room, 3BR/2.5BA family room, office & exercise room. Sandra Vog



1701 CARTER STREET \$595,000
Architect designed surrounded by beautiful gardens. Walls of glass, unique detailing & gracious entertainment spaces combine in this masterpiece. 2BR/2BA & views. Chris Cohn



This very attractive and secluded Montclair contemporary has all the right spaces - 4+BR/2BA, family room and level out patio. Sheila Gallagher



5445 ESTATES DRIVE \$525,000
Wonderful home that has been remodeled throughout.
Open beam ceilings in living room, hardwood floors,
2BR/1.5BA in a private setting. Steve Michaelides

8070 GREENRIDGE DRIVE \$510,000 Excellent 4-plex in quiet Oakland hills setting near pa trails. All two bedroom units with great tenants. Abo 580, off Keller Avenue.



3 CLAREWOOD MALL Rare Clarewood townhome w/2BR/2.5BA, formal dining located in a wooded & serene creekside serting close to Village Market & SF transportation. Pool & clubhouse. Carolyn Jones



4652 REDWOOD ROAD \$439,000 Leona Park Villa. Spacious & stylish Mediterranean 2BR/2.5BA townhome. Updated kitchen, new hardwood, carpet, etc. Like new. Linda McClain



I KELTON COURT This lovely 2BK/2.5BA condominium is located just blocks from Piedmont Ave. shops & cafes. Easy access to freeways & public transportation. Views & more. Anne Feste 245 PERKINS STREET #66 \$179,000
Penthouse. Jr. 1bedroom condo plus a loft area for bedroom or office. Soaring dramatic ceiling with wall to wall window. City outlook. Ed Kuo

BERKELEY - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.





85 GRAVATT DRIVE \$2,250,000
World class new Mediterranean w/4 bridge view. Surpasses latest design trends. Open, airy & flexible spaces. Large terraces & garden. 4+BR/4+BA. Debra J. Dryden

867 ARLINGTON AVENUE \$875,000
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Mediterranean Retreat! Alluring 2-story home w/lus gardens. Minutes from Rockridge BART & College Aviews 4BR, den, 3BA & garden! Bebe McRae



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OAKLAND & BERKELEY - BY APPOINTMENT



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Bay views! 5+BR/4BA, large family room, two-car
garage, landscaped gardens!

Bebe McRae



MONTCLAIR \$1.025,000 Piedmont Pines mini estate with stream, ponds and waterfalls. Exciting 4BR/3BA architect's home w/ updated kitchen, family room & library. Linda McClain CLAREMONT SHINGLE \$695,000 Very special brown shingle on a quiet cul-de-sac in prestigious Claremont. 3BR/3BA, den, formal dining room and spacious garden.

NORTHSIDE CONDO-TO-BE
\$399,000 Fabulous Northside condo-to-be, close to campus, gourmet ghetto & more. Front unit; 2BR/1.5BA. Condo conversion in process. Views, style & privacy! Ticia Swift



ROCKRIDGE GEM \$599,000
Fabulous Rockridge 3BR w/nursery or office, rich in architectural details. Formal living & dining rooms, French doors, two fireplaces & so much more. Debbi DiMaggio SWEET BUNGALOW \$389,000
Charming & updated Redwood Heights bungalow in move in condition. Level lawn surrounded by white picket fence & expansive backyard. 3BR/2BA. Debbi DiMaggio

tence & expansive backyard. 3BR/2BA. Debi DiMaggio MONTCLAIR \$299,000
This charming Montclair home is nestled in a beautiful wooded setting. 2BR/1.25BA, den, cozy living room with hardwood floors & fireplace. Sherry Benninger

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FROM PAGE B7

In 1991, Pinel returned to France, where he served as the sales and marketing director of the largest real estate investment corporation traded on the French stock exchange But Coldwell Banker wooed Pinel back to the United States in 1995 as they prepared to acquire Fox and Carskadon. He joined the company as senior vice president and West Bay regional manager. "As I looked around the industry, Coldwell Banker stepol on the nation for Coldwell Banker with a record sales volume of nearly with a record sales volume of nearly \$13 billion in 2000.



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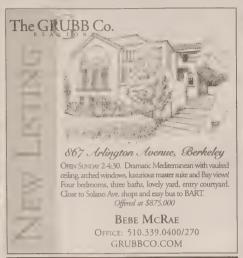
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A 25-year veteran of the real estate industry, Pinel took a circuitous way to getting to where he is today.



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Berkeley lacrosse flexing muscles

Berkeley girls win a rout

Jackets 2nd-half run defeats Scots

By Scott Strain

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STAFF WRITER
PIEDMONT — It didn't take
long for an experienced Berkeley girls lacrosse team to come
out with renewed enthusiasm on
April 11. Twenty-five minutes,
give or take a few seconds.
Poor
Piedmont.
The Yellow
Jackets
Were already coasting with a 61 lead at the
half when everything hit the fan
for the smothered Scots.
Within a period of 2 minutes,
44 seconds in the second half,
Berkeley rammed in five goals
for an 11-1 lead then waited over
five minutes more before scoring another one for 12-1.
The final score was 14-2 for
the Yellow Jackets, who improved to 8-1 on the season.
Their only loss had been to Davis
early in the season.
Diversity, thy name is Berkeley Eight different players scored
for the Yellow Jackets, who never
trailed in the match. The closest
Piedmont got was 2-1 when Lizzy
Snowden scored with 11 minutes, 40 seconds left in the first



IN THE SAME PLACE AT THE SAME TIME, Piedmont's Sera Denault (1) and Berkeley's Kristen Etcheverry fought for Denault (1) and Berkeley's Kristen Etcheverry fought for possession of the ball during their lacrosse match. Playing in Berkeley April 11, the Yellow Jackets downed the Highlanders

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For boys new sport sparks old rivalries

Berkeley rallies past O'Dowd; Geller scores twice in win

By Mike McGreehan

BERKELEY — Though only in its first season as an official sport of the California Interscholastic Federation, lacrosse enjoys some strong rivalries. Take that of Berkeley and Bishop O'Dowd high schools, for example.

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Softball roundup

Warner keeps Berkeley in ACCAL hunt

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SEAN SOUDERS helped pitch the Berkeley Yellow Jackets into first place in the ACCAL, stopping the previously undefeated Encinal Jets 12-4 on April 17.

Jackets muscle into first place

ACCAL) deals Encinal its first loss

By Orlando Molina

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Girls X

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lost at Berkeley 12-5, but had come back from an 8-0 deficit and actually outscored the Yel-low Jackets 5-4 in the second

and actually outscored the Yellow Jackets 5-4 in the second half.

So there was some precedent for a competitive match. Berkeley is a deep and experienced squad with a history of high school lacrosse. Piedmont has five players who had previous experience — on a club team.

"We played much better in this game than we did the first time we played Piedmont." said first-year coach Rebecca Meyer, who led the Berkeley JV team last year and is the varsity field hockey coach.

"I was really impressed at how they came out in the second half. They were on fire," she said. "You would have never known we had such a lead because they had total intensity."

Emily Zubritsky scored Berkeley's first goal just 90 seconds into the match and then Lily Schneider scored 52 seconds later. Both goals were officially unassisted — it was tough to tell what exactly happened in the wild scramble in front of the net.

After Snowden scored for Piedmont, the Yellow Jackets ripped off four more goals in the half — Joanna Hoch, Kristen Etcheverry, Zubritsky again and then Becca Simon — for a 6-1 advantage.

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Etcheverry, Zubritsky again and then Becca Simon — for a 6-1 advantage.

It took Piedmont almost seven minutes to sustain an offensive thrust into the Yellow Jackets defense and the Highlanders really became deflated when Berkeley goalie Rosie Gibson stopped Courtney Glettner's free position shot with 1:48 to go in the first half. Simon scored with 54.8 seconds left for 6-1.

Piedmont goalie Ally Gorin was just in her third game in the cage, but managed to make six saves in the half, some of them of the spectacular variety. But nothing prepared her for the Berkeley onslaught at the start of the second half.

The Yellow Jackets had missed several passes in front of the goal in the first half; they didn't miss a one in the first few minutes of the second. Piedmont was not allowed in the Berkeley defensive zone, it was all Berkeley in the Piedmont zone.

Berkeley slacked off somewhat after the six-goal splurge, but still managed to scored two



Postmatch

THE SCORERS (in order):
Emily Zubritsky, Lily Schneider,
Joanna Hoch, Kristin Etcheverry,
Zubritsky, Becca Simon, Elena
Krieger, Krieger, Etcheverry,
Meredith Gaber, Hoch, Sascha
Atkins-Loria, Simon and then
Schneider.
GOOD TIMES, BAD TIMES:
While most coaches and players
generally like the new CIF setup
in lacrosse, some of the more
free-wheeling programs such as
Berkeley have had to rein in

against Piedmont's Marie Lindquist (center) on April 11.

more goals, one by Simon with 4:45 remaining, the other by Schneider at 3:38.

Piedmont got one last act of defiance in when Caitlin Brown scored to make it 14-2 with 1:10 left.

The Yellow Jackets hadn't played since March 27, but they have tons of experience and tradition to fuel them. Piedmont didrit have anything in the tank.

Postmatch

THE SCORERS (in order):
Emily Zubritsky, Lily Schneider, Joanna Hoch, Kristin Etcheverry, Zubritsky, Becca Simon, Elena Krieger, Krieger, Etcheverry, Meredith Gaber Hoch Sascha

SCHEDULE: Rerkeley played

championship. In the long run it will pay off."
SCHEDULE: Berkeley played in the Western States Invitational at Stanford last Saturday and their next league match is today in Kentfield against Marin Catholic at 5:30 p.m. ... The Yellow Jackers' next home match is against Foothill on April 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Boys X

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left in the first quarter. Soon, though, everything began to flow Berkeley's way when the teams changed sides for the second quarter. By halftime, Berkeley led 4-1 — an advantage as attributable to its defense as to its offense.

"We just needed a little cushion," Rubin said of his team's second-quarter barrage. "Not only did we score, but our defense established that (the Dragons) weren't going to get many good shots."

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Throughout the match, O'-Dowd painstakingly attempted to set up plays and often were left with little choice but to flail away at goal from long range. A particular thorn in the side of the Dragons' attack was Berkeley defender Demetrius Sommers, who covers ground very quickly.

"He's like having two extra players on the field — he's like 'The Flash,'" Rubin said. "He's basically like having a college

player out there — and he's just a junior. We put him on their best player, and then it's just a mat-ter of playing their second-best player."

Sommers and company surely did a fine job on Bird, who wasn't at 100 percent.

"Part of it is that Pat had a 104 fever the past two days, so he's running on empty today," Shaffers said.

Stratton and the rest of the Dragons, with Bird neutralized and off the field for much of the time, often found themselves smothered by Berkeley defenders.

smothered by Berkeley defenders.

"(Berkeley players) were sliding in on those two guys (Bird and Stratton)," Shaffer said.
"They just scouted us so well."

The Yellow Jackets recovered nicely from a tentative first quarter to burst loose in the second. Noah Flessell knotted the score off Calvin Gaskin's assist with 10:10 left in the half, and Nick Schooler scored unassisted off a long run just 12 seconds later put the Yellow Jackets up for keeps.

But the Jackets were only

McGreehan

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used by hockey players: rusisn't a game for the faint of heart.

"After having played football, you tend to make more hits defensive-wise," says Berkeley junior defender Demetrius Sommers, who previously played on the Yellow Jackets football team.

For many of us, lacrosse is brand new, newer to us than such increasingly popular fare such as soccer or volleyball. But lacrosse has been around a long time. Baseball bills itself as the national pastime. But of all sports, lacrosse arguably has the deepest American roots, having descended from the Native American game of baggataway that was popular in what is now the northeastern United States and eastern Canada.

Historians tell us baggat-

Canada.
Historians tell us baggataway was a tribal preparation for war. Over time, it translated into a popular game that mover fast, demands a lot from its players and can keep spectators on the edges of their seats.

Today, lacrosse continues to grow, attracting new players and spectators all the time. For a while, look for the more established programs like Berkeley and O'Dowd to dominate high school lacrosse—"The new programs are lagging; we definitely have an advantage playing so long (as a club), "Sommers says. Over time, though, players at all schools should improve and the sport will become more competitive.

It's not exactly accurate to say that lacrosse is the new kid on the block in high school sports. It's more like the older kid that's just moved into the neighborhood.

In another way, lacrosse is akin to the ethnic culinary delight that the general public only recently "discovered." And for fans and players alike, that's just the recipe for a different kind of sporting pleasure.

Postscript

continued.

Lacrosse made its Olympic debut at the St. Louis Games of 1904. Club teams represented their countries at the time, and a pair of clubs from Canada

Younger Division

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Though the final score no way rets it, this game started as a desive battle.

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With one out in the top of the first inning, Terra Dudley singled to load the bases. The next pair of batters hit grounders to Bolts third baseman Lizzie Allen, who made unassisted plays at third to end the inning. The bolts' half of the inning opened with Anne Smith and Cassidy Linden both singling. Sharks pitcher Abby Scott then put on a fielding exhibition, making defensive plays that led to force-outs at third and first bases on successive plays. The first inning ended with the Bolts ahead 1-0.

The game then turned into a high scoring affair, with the Bolts never quite able to catch up with the Sharks. The Sharks scored seven runs in the second inning due to the solid hitting of Celia Green, Sarah Madden and Clara Obstfield. The Bolts came back with four runs of their own, highlighted by the hitting of Natalie Cowan and Shayna Weimer. The Sharks and Bolts played the final two innings to a draw, but the Bolts couldn't overcome the Sharks' scoring outburst of the second inning.

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Sweet Potatoes 19
Arkin Tilt Architects fought hard
this win on a sunny day at
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Arkin Tilt Architects fought natural this win on a sunny day at ongfellow Field.

The Great Danes utilized robust titing and timely fielding to defeat the searcapy Sweet Potatoes, who lost eir first game of the season. The anes offensive surge was led by laggy DiCostanzo, Hannah Long, abel Hubbard, and Cayla Gordan, tho had three hits each. They were so helped defensively by third basenan Ellie Arkin, who prevented a ally by the Potatoes; and Hannah ong, nabbed two line drives.

The Sweet Potatoes offense was do by focused and solid hitters farisa Budlong, McKenzie Giblin, aylor Ivancich, Taylor Rios, Mean Tokunaga and Zoe Pollock, who ad three hits each. Meagan Tokunaga contributed a double to the eam effort that drove in two runeers. SP's defensive effort was high-ghted by Marina Pickrel, who made in unassisted putout at second base. In addition, Budlong, Pollock, Takunaga, and Rios made stellar defenive plays, resulting in the only 1-2-t inning of the game.

Middle Division

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On a hot, sunny afternoon at
Longfellow Middle School, the Penguins and Rattlesnakes started the
softball season with some great pitching, some fine fielding, and a few
nice hits. The Penguins grabbed an
early lead that they never relinquished.
Rebecca Studin pitched two
strong innings for the Penguins, followed by a good outing on the
mound by Mattison Peters. Ryann
Heid and Hannah Kramer pitched
well for the Rattlesnakes, recording
at least one strikeout each. The hitting stars for the game included
Djuna Elkan and Siobhan McGowan
of the Penguins, who each hit a home
run. Rattlesnakes third baseman Liza
Corr and shortstop Kamillah Whitfield were the fielding stars, turning
in several fine plays on hard-hit balls.
Nelson, Meyer, Kasrovi & Ung
Golden Bears 5,
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Burning Bullets 1
Hannah Port pitched the first and
fourth innings for the Bullets.
She allowed a leadoff single to
Willa Rodewald, who eventually
scored on a fielder's choice off the
bat of Barbara Barnes. But Port
quickly settled down, as she struck
out two batters to end the top of the
first inning.
The Golden Bears kept their slim
lead by retiring the Bullets three up,
three down in the bottom half of the
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The top of the second inning started well for the Golden Bears. Lisa Gilliland started the inning with a single and eventually made her way to third on passed balls. After two strikeouts, Sarah Kator drove the ball toward right field for a single and RBI as Gilliland crossed the plate.

In the bottom of the second, Bullets' Maya Drexler belted a single. Although this was followed by two strikeouts, Drexler scored on a sin-

gie by Elizabeth Tulsky to close the gap to 2-1.

The Bullets mounted a rally in the third when Hilary Calef singled, then moved to second on Elisa Jones' smack to right. With girls on first and third, the Bullets' hopes were dashed by a force play and a strikeout by itcher Chloe Drulis.

The Bears threatened in their next at-bat as Jessica West, Danielle Thompson, Rachel Gray, Rodewald and Barnes each had a hit.

Gilliland took the mound for the Bears in the fourth, and after giving up sharp hits by Zoe Guletz and Krista Smithers, proceeded to strike out the side to end the threat. Not to be outdone, Port returned to the mound for the bottom of the inning struck out the remaining Bears on 13 pitches.

Vivian Lopez

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Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 9, Jesse Young Construction Tigers 7

Birthday girl Valerie Dohrer of the Molars made the parents smile with great pitching, catching, and solid hits to left and deep right field. Mighty Molar Lilly Meryash showed her bite with a sizzling grounder up the middle in the second for a crucial hit. Zoe Jansen added a hard RBI single and stealthy base-running to notch a run. Giselle Moreno gritted her teeth, flexed her muscles, and smashed a high, hard fastball for a hit.

Tiger Elana Kessler led off the first inning with a single. Kessler also swiped two bases, and vacuumed up ground balls in the field. Shelby LaRosa, in one of her sparkling plays. stopped a screaming one-hopper at first base to end a second-inning rally. Rose Kerstetter scooped a rocket of a grounder and made a perfect throw to second for a force. Kirsten Rapella smashed a single in the third for an RBI. Cloe McFadden astounded with an amazing backhanded stop at second and threw the runner out by half-step to end this brilliantly-played game.

Baseball

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"I didn't think we'd score that many runs in one inning," Yellow Jackets coach Tim Moellering said. "It benefited us that (Dunlap) came in cold. We practiced for Dunlap trying to go the other way."

In all, 17 batters came to the plate, rapping out nine hits in the inning to give Berkeley a commanding 12-2 lead.

The Jets (4-1) avoided the 10-run rule in the in the top of the fifth when Dunlap smacked a two-run homer to right with two outs. But that only delayed the inevitable as the Yellow Jackets cruised to the win.

Softball

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looked back, winning in 4½ innings in Alameda.

The win keeps Alameda undefeated in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at 5-0 (13-5 overall), while dropping El Cerrito to 7-5, 3-2 ACCAL.

"I think a lot of the time people think that freshmen are not that good," Alameda freshman shortstop Julie Stauder said. "But we've all been playing together for years on club. I think if you're good, it doesn't matter how old you are."

Stauder went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

After the Gauchos' Julia Liepman roped a double to left-center in the fifth inning — the Gauchos' lone hit off Pereira — Stauder took the relay from center fielder Gina Parodi and gunned out Liepman going into third.

Pereira, a left-hander, went the distance, striking out eight and walking none.

El Cerrito 6, Alameda 2
The Gauchos (11-4, 4-1 AC-CAL) scored four runs in the top of the seventh to defeat the Hornets (1-4 ACCAL) at College of Alameda.
Alameda led 2-1 after Mark Gillman homered in the bottom of the fourth, but a solo run in the sixth and four more runs in the seventh lifted the Gauchos.
Greg Murray went the distance, striking out four. He also rapped out a double and a triple, drove in two runs and scored two more.

in Alameda on April 24.

Albany 11, St. Elizabeth 0
The Cougars (12-4, 5-1 BSAL)
kept pace with St. Mary's (9-9,
5-1 BSAL) in the tight BSAL title race, stopping the Mustangs
on two hits in Oakland on
Wednesday.
Mike Clement (5-1) earned

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for the win.
Peter McGuines:
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New productions span the range of emotions

Cerrito.
You may puzzle over the leaden weight of "Long Day's Journey Into Night," an Actors Ensemble production at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.
Let's tackle the heaviest job first. Unless you eliminate "Ah, Wilderness," nobody attends a play by Eugene O'Neill, author of "Long Day's Journey Into Night," in search of amusement. And in this unrelenting tragedy, the playwright, drawing heavily on his own life and that of his troubled parents and brother, probes the caverns of sorrow and despair. The time is 1912.
The Tyrone family, paralleled in real life by the O'Neills, consists of a mother, Marry (played by Mikel Clifford), addicted to opium as a result of treatment for pain by a secondrate physician chosen by her tightwad husband, James (Charlie Anderson), and two sons, Jamie (Erik Kaul) and Edmund (Noah Feinstein), one tubercular, the other alcoholic. Program notes by the director, Jean-Marie Apostolidès, provide a clue to the staging of the drama: "The references to ghosts are so numerous in "Long Day's Journey' that they force us to confront them."
The observation may explain the candle-lit processional in the dark down a side aisle to the stage that opens the show, the pale and spare set, the whitish costumes and — most especially — movement throughout at a sleep-walking pace.
Some of the most effective scenes are brief glimpses played behind a scrim upstage, giving voice and dimension to the multiple layers of thought in the minds of the characters.
The ghostly, symbolic concept of pale tone and slow movement evckes a palpable sense of ashen descent into decay. These choices, however, lack the weight to convey the human texture of these same lives.

A difficult play, as O'Neill himself said of its hard creation, "... this play of old sor-



CONTRA COSTA Civic Theater's new production of "Oliver" features Jay Krohengold (left) as Fagin Kelsey Wunderle as Oliver, and Charles Miller as the Artful Dodger.



row, written in tears and blood." Perhaps appealing mostly to dedicated O'Neillophiles.
"Long Day's Journey Into Night" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 11 with one additional performance on May 9. Tickets are \$10 with discounts for groups of 15 or more. Call 510-528-5620.

A BANG-UP FOLIVERIA

A BANG-UP 'OLIVER!':

with the richness of old tapestry. Of course, it helps that the kids are singing their hearts out in the opening song, "Food, Glorious Food."

Then Oliver (played by Kelsey Wunderle) has the gall—gasp!—to hold out a pitfully small bowl and ask Mr. Bumble and the Widow Corney for more gruel. Horrors!

With that, this big (38-member cast), high-energy, wonderfully textured musical takes off on the up-and-down adventures of young Oliver. The youngster is sold to Mr. Sowerberry, the undertaker (Karl Malamud-Roam), soon kicked out, and then inveigled into sly old Fagin's band of young pickpockets. Jay Krohnengold, who milks Fagin for all he's worth, or better, his worthlessness, actually beamed at the bos he got opening night.

Along the way we also get to know the best-boy pickpocket, the Artful Dodger (Charles Miller) and every-body's favorite villain of this sometimes dark piece, utterly dastardly Bill Sykes (Ray Christensen). And of course, the love-torn Nancy (Laura Catherine Buckley),

And it's mostly told in song. Another big bouquet to musicians Joanne Gabel, Andrew Gabel (soon to be directing "Grease" at CCCT), Jack Kerns and Howard Scheib.

There are so many components of this show that worked so well to bring it off as wholly satisfying it is tempting — but

"Oliver!" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 25 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on April 21 and 28, and May 5 and 12. Tickets are \$17 general; \$8 for those 16 and under. Call 510-524-90132, or for group sales, \$10-524-8654. And a note from the theatre: Please, no children under 5 years.

EVENTS

General

OAKLAND PUBLIC LI-

OAKLAND PUBLIC LI-BRARY — MAIN BRANCH = "Inside Open: Oakland Poets with an Opinion," April 27, 2 p.m. Slam poetry with Paul Flores, Marc Bamuthi Joseph and Marcel Diallo. In the West Auditorium.

ArRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY —
"Confederate Currency: The
Color of Money," April 20
through June 20. An exhibition
of 60 acrylic paintings by John
W. Jones. An examination of
the ideas and images represented on Southern currency
and their role in the psychocultural dehumanization of
African Americans.
"The Mbongi Assembly
Talks," a public lecture series
in support of the "Confederate
Currency: exhibit. Presented
by The Institute on Advanced
Study of Black Family Life-and
Culture and the Bay Area Black
United Fund.
April 20, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.:
"Killing Me Softly: Public Policy in Support of Dehumanization." The lecture features an
introduction by artist John W.
Jones, a keynote address by
Sheila Walker of the University
of Texas titled "Scattered
Africa: Faces and Voices of the
Africar Diaspora," and a panel
discussion.
Tina McElroy Ansa, April
25, 6:30 p.m. The author
speaks about her novel "You
Know Better."
659 14th St. (510) 637-0200.
PIEDMONT BRANCH —
"Flashes of Genius: Short
Works by Literary Masters." A
discussion group for short stories.

April 23, 6:30 p.m.: Jumpak
Laharia's Pulitzer Prize-win-

discussion group for short stories.

April 23, 6:30 p.m.: Jumpak
Laharia's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Interpreter of Maladies."
160 41st St. (510) 597-5011.

ROCKRIDGE BRANCH —
"Coffee Break R&R." April
20. 4 p.m. A reading of Kari
Ann Owens' play "Model of the
Year," followed by poetry readings by the general public. Cosponsored by Opera Piccola.
5366 College Ave. (510) 5975017.

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH

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"Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. 1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049. Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or

3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

CODY'S BOOKSTORES —
TELEGRAPH AVENUE —
Kim Stanley Robinson, April
19, 7:30 p.m. The author talks
about "The Years of Rice and
Salt," a story imagining an alternate history of the last 700
hundred years.
Thomas Moore, April 20,
7:30 p.m. The author discusses
"The Soul's Religion: Cultivating a Profoundly Spiritual Way
of Life," which discusses the
different aspects of religion
and shows how to step beyond
routine practices and inspire a
discovery of the depths of the
soul through the subtleties of
spirituality.
Hari Junzru, April 22, 7:30
p.m. The author reads from
"The Impressionist," his debut
novel.
Samantha Power, April 23,
7:30 p.m. The author discusses
'A Problem from Hell: America
and the Age of Genocide," an
analysis of the last century of
America's role in the history of
genocide.
Tariq Ali, April 25, 7:30 p.m.
The author talks about "The
Clash of Fundamentalisms:
Crusades, Jihads and Modernity," about perspectives on terrorism in the 21st century.
Gilles Kepel, April 26, 7:30
p.m. The author discusses "Jihad: The Trail of Political Islam," placing the events of
Sept. 11 within a broad, historical perspective that covers the
unfolding of the Islamic movement over the last 25 years of
the 20th century.

National Poetry Month Celebration, April 28, 3 p.m. Gerald
Stern, Willis Barnstone and
Kaduko Shiraishi read from
their works. \$5 donation.

2454 Telegraph Ave. (510)
845-7852.
SPECIAL EVENT — "U.C.
Berkeley Architectural Walking
Tour," April 27, 10 a.m. A celebration of the publication of
"University of California,
Berkeley: An Architectural

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Sum total of 'Numbers': Slow pace, good acting

By Mary F. Pols

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STATE-WAITER

If "Murder By Numbers" had
been released a year ago, it
would likely have caused a big
stink, since it deals directly with
one of our pre-Sept. 11 national
obsessions: bored teens who turn
to murder to pass the time between midterms and finals. As it
happens, it now has a good
chance of slipping in and out of
theaters with no more controversy surrounding it than
whether Sandra Bullock should
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In this rather somber thriller from director Barbet Schroeder ("Reversal of Fortune," "Single White Female"), Bullock definitely takes on a darker character than usual. Her Cassie Mayweather, a homicide detective with a gut instinct for how killers think, tends to be difficult, surly, arrogant and emasculating. As she deadpans to her cute new partner, Sam (Ben Chaplin, seen most recently in "Birthday Girl"), on his first day of work, the men in the department call her "the hyena" because female hyenas allegedly "have kind of a mock penis." Cassie and Sam are assigned to investigate the seemingly motiveless murder of a young woman in the fictional coastal California town of San Benito (the exteriors are of San Luis Obispo).

People who go to thrillers to get lost in the mystery will probably be disappointed in "Murder By Numbers," because it's understood from the get-go that the killers are a pair of diabolically disaffected, well-to-do high school students, the strutting Richard (Ryan Gosling) and the precocious and brilliant Justin (Michael Pitt). The only questions that linger for the audience are



SANDRA BULLOCK is cast against type as an aggressive homicide detective in the thriller "Murder

REVIEW

- WHAT: "Murder By Numbers'
 STARRING: Sandra Bullock,
 Ben Chaplin, Ryan Gosling,
 Michael Pitt, Agnes Bruckner,
 Chris Penn
- RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 59
- WHERE: Opens today at area theaters

precisely how they did it and, even more worrisome, what

pression grows serious and she tells him: "It's not just about sex. I really respect you as a person."

There's a beat of silence, where they're looking at each other, and then that wide Bullock grin spreads across her face. She's cracked herself up, and maybe we're supposed to be thinking of Cassie as a sort of pathetic he-woman, but the truth is, it's a bast to see Bullock playing such a ruthless predator. With that devious alligator smile of hers, she's more suited to it than she is to the lonely, needy woman parts she favored in the early part of her career ("While You

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F Pols, Times: Robert W. Butler, Kright Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elwis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Valerie Kulklenski, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Maurstad, Chris Vognar and Philip Wurtch, Dallas Morning News; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sen-News; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sen-News; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sen-

ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS": An

wallet along with his \$60 million lottery ticket. When Bucum finally tracks Reggle down, the longtime antagonists join forces to get the ticket back. — B. Strauss. (R: violence, sex, language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

"AMADEUS: THE DIRECTOR'S CUT": Milos Forman's 1984 Academy Award-

(H: Drier nudity), 2 nours, 58 minutes. A "AMELIE": A feel-good movie in the best possible sense, a comic fable from French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet that vibrates with joy and fast-dances with life. Amelie (the relentlessly charming Audrey Tautou) is a lonely young lady who keeps a watchful eye on the rest of the world. One day she sets out to reunite a child's treasure with its long-grown owner and discovers she likes playing emotional Robin Hood. Setting

cur patt. — Mr. Pois. (H. Sexual content.) 2 hours. A

"A BEAUTIFUL MIND": Very good bythe-book filmmaking from director Ron
Howard. The film spans 47 years in the
life of John Forbes Nash Jr. (Russell
Crowe), a mathematical genius who
won the Nobel Prize for economics in
1994 Doubtless the element that made
Crowe want to play Nash (forliantly, as
usual) is that Nash also suffers from
schizophrenia, and has for decades.
Daring only in its subject matter —
math and mental illness — the movie
follows the careful trajectory of a classic
inspirational story, occasionally veering
into the medicinal, but still undeniably
moving and effective. Jennifer Connelly
is excellent as Nash's wife. — M. Pois.
(PG-13: intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence.) 2
hours, 8 minutes. B+

"BIG TROUBLE": Former Pulitzer-

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"BLADE II": Wesley Snipes returns as a nalf-man/half-vampire hero waging a blood feud against a race of full-blooded vampires in this sequel based

BORSTAL BOY": Set in the early 1940s, this film is a likable rite-of-pasage memory piece doused in period nostalgia, including the prominent use

"MURDER BY NUMBERS" (R) Sandra Bullock stars as a detec

"BEHIND THE SUN" (PG-13) Two families feud over land ow ship in the Brazilian badlands.

"THE INDEPENDENT" (R)
A spoof of B-movies, starring Jerry
Stiller as the director of 427 awful
movies. With Janeane Garofalo as

"E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL": The

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change. Call theaters for information.

* Wheelchair Accessible Showtimes for Friday April 19

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2 2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456 •Amadeus: Director's Cut (R) 12:15, 4:30, 8:15. •Y Tu Mama También (Not Rated) 11:30, 2, 5, 729-10

Albany Twin AIDARY IWIN
1115 Solano Ave, Albany 510-843-3456
•Amelie (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
•Monsoon Wedding (R) 1, 4, 7, 10

California Theatre
2113 Kntredge St., Berkeley 510-843-3456
•Theatre temporarily closed.

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oice Age (PG) 11:35, 1:30, 3:25, 5:20, 7:20, 9:25.

Murder by Numbers (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:40,

The Sweatest Thing (R) 11:30, 1:40, 3.45, 5:50,

7:55, 9:55. •Y Tu Mamá También (Not Rated) 11:45, 2, 4:25,

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7:30, 9:50, 12. •Y Tu Mamá También (Not Rated) 12:10, 2:35, 5,

Chabot Cinema 2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555 •The Scorpion King (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:15,

Chabot Space & Science Center

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2866 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530

-Festival in Cannas (Po-13) 5, 77:10, 9:15.

-In the Bedroom (R) 4:25, 9:15.

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Fine Arts Cinema
2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143
•Last Night (Not Rated) 9:30.
•Smile (Not Rated) 7:15.

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre 3200 Grand Avenue. Oakland 510-452-3556
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Renaissance Oaks Theatre * Death to Smoochy (R) 7:15, 9:30
 Spike & Mike's 25th Anniversary Fest. of Animation (Not Rated) 7, 9:15.

Parkway Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland, 510-814-2400

• A Beautilul Mind (PG-13) 6:30, 9:15.
•Gosford Park (R) 7

•Monsters, Inc. (G) 9:45.

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave Oakland 510-843-3456
•Amelie (R) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9
•Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45. 9:15 ●Y Tu Mamá También (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

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Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre * 4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•Murder by Numbers (R) 7, 9:35.
•The Sweetest Thing (R) 6, 7:45, 9:25.
•Y Tu Mamá También (Not Rated) 7:30, 9:45

Renaissance Park Theatre

Rheem Theatre
350 Park St. Moraga 925-988-3411
•Changing Lanes (R) 5, 7:30, 9:45.
•ice Age (PG) 5:15, 7:40, 9:25.
•The Rookie (G) 4:20, 7, 9:30.
•The Scorpion King (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40.

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop 3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345 •Blade II (R) 11:55, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 10:10. •Changing Lanes (R) 11:30, 12:45, 1:55, 3:10, 4:30, 5:45, 7:10, 8:05, 9:45, 10:25. •Clockstoppers (PG) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10. 10:15.

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Frailty (R) 2, 7:15, 9:40.

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San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14 * 1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4282 •40 Days and 40 Nights (R) 2:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10.30

•A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, •All About the Benjamins (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:15

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Resident Evil (R) 1:45, 5:05, 8:15, 10:50

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Bridge Theatre *

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Lumiere Theatre *

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 Sex with Strangers (Not Rated) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45. •Trembling Before G-d (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:30,

The Red Vic Theatre *

The Roxie Theatre * 3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-663-1087

• Jung (War) in the Land of the Mujaheddin (Not Rated) 7, 9:15.

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eQueen of the Damned (R) 5:10, 10:10.

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Loews Imax Theatre *
101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-369-6200

•Beauty and the Beast: Special Edition (G)
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 10:30, 2:40, 8:40

United Artists Galaxy * 1285 Sutter St., San Francisco. 415-474-8700
- Escaflowne (PG-13) 2, 7:20.
- Queen of the Dameou (R) 9:30.
- Resident Evil (R) 11:30, 2, 7:15, 10.
- Return to Never Land (G) 11:15, 1:10, 7
- State Property (R) 11:45, 2:10, 7, 9:30.
- Training Day (R) 11, 9:45.

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obliged to create a backstory for Cassie to keep us focused on Bullock, a considerable challenge since we're so distracted by the two fine young actors playing the murderous duo. Gosling was the young Jewish Nazi protagonist of last year's Sundance-winner "The Believer," a movie so controversial that it never saw the atrical distribution, while Pitt costarred as a stoned loser in Larry Clark's "Bully" and a rock star in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." Both of them are head and shoulders above most of the other actors in their age group, and they keep us engaged in "Murder By Numbers" even after we've unraveled the plot in our own heads.

It's the chemistry between them that works so well: a dash of homeoroticism, a splash of peer pressure and a sort of mental foot race to see who is actually smarter in the long run, the recognized genius or the creepily compelling bully. Pitt in particular is very strong. He's got a moment where

he goes up against Cassie in the interrogation room and steals the scene from Bullock with barely a blink of his sky-blue eyes. It's a little bit like watching Edward Norton take on Richard Gere in "Primal Fear"; you know who the star is, but you can't stop watching the newcomer.

Even the relatively small part of Lisa (Agnes Bruckner), the girl from the wrong side of the tracks who serves as a bone of contention between Justin and Richard, is played by a young actress who is going to make a big impression fast when her next movie, "Blue Car," the best thing at Sundance this year, is released in the fall. "Murder by Numbers" may well end up as a favorite at the video store someday because these three kids are going to be among the best actors of their generation.

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FROM PAGE C3

It's good to hear capable KCBS newswoman Cynthia Louie back on the air. A few readers have told me they think her voice sounds strained. Not surprising, since health problems last year caused Louie to lose her voice entirely ... It takes time for TV audiences to change habit patterns.

It's been almost two years since KTVU added a 6 p.m. newscast, and the Channel 2 show is finally starting to get decent Nielsen numbers. Last Friday, for example, "The 6:00 News" ited KRON' 5 6. On the other hand, it's also dismaying to see the big numbers that Channel 7's mediocre newscasts have been getting lately at 5 and 6 p.m. — KGO sometimes gets double the audience of KRON or KNTV. On the positive side, the ratings HAVE been strong on KGO's 5:00 since annoying robo-anchor Dan Noyes was relegated to weekends ...

It's the kind of thing you see when you have non-local ownership of local radio and TV stations: I'm referring to Star-101.3's (formerly K-101's) dubious current TV ad campaign featuring, of all people, L.A. TV personality Leeza Gibbons. You can be pretty sure this brilliant talent decision was made at Clear Channel corporate HQ in San Antonio. I'd bet Gibbons shot these TV ads for several other Clear Channel stations, which is what usually happens. The CC corporate braintrust may have been told

by its managers here that local radio audiences here routinely reject out of hand L.A. hacks like Rick Dees, Mark & Brian, and L.A. talk biggie Phil Hendrie, but they obviously paid no attention to Bay Area sensibilities.

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quickly . . . New-word Dept.: KGO's New-word Dept.: KGO's conservative, egomaniacal syndicated financial talk host, Bob Brinker, was bloviating last weekend day against Dem. Christopher Dodd. How dare Dodd criticize President Bush's Middle East policy, huffed Brinker, many of whose recent shows have been more about political posturing than per-

sonal finance. Tiresome windbag and market timer Brinker then decried Dodd's "incalcitrance." An interesting coinage. (I, um, think he meant "recalcitrance"). But many of money guru Brinker's disciples probably didn't care — or notice ...

I don't often agree with the views expressed on conservative talk station KSFO ("Reichstag Radio"), but several callers and chat hosts recently may well have a point: They've been accusing local TV stations here of giving far more time to coverage of local anti-Israel/pro-Palestinian demonstrations in the Bay Area than to pro-Israel ones. I may be mistaken. Has anyone else noticed this allegedly lopsided coverage as well? Please let me know by mail or e-mail.

Finally today, long-time KPIX personality Ann Fraser, recently retired and now living in the North Bay, told me a hilarious story the other day about a butchering of the language (in this case, the French one) on a show about cooking meat. It was a gaffe worthy of dictionary dilettante Brinker.

It came at the end of a TV cooking-show segment, recalled Fraser. "They' doen preparing this dish, and they put it in the oven. Finally, they took it out, and the chef pointed at it, gestured grandly, and proclaimed: "Viola!")

"I thought I'd die laughing," laughed Fraser, recalling the funny unintended faux pas by the clueless cook. It was music to her ears, you might say.

(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsmann@sonic.net)

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story convincing. All these people figure in the story attached to that corpse. Although we eventually get the information we need, little of it comes to us directly. Rather, "Lantana" feeds us knowledge slowly and obliquely. This remarkably thoughtful drama makes it clear not only how hard it is to come by any emotional comfort in this life, but, more importantly, why we can't give up on the struggle. — K. Turan. (Fl. language and sexuality). 2 hours. A "LOLIA": This re-release of Jacques Demy's classic 1961 film stars Anouk Aimee as a cabaret dancer (read: hooker) carrying a torch for a jerk boyfriend who walked out on her and their son years ago. Starry-eyed Roland (Marc Michel) dreams of dropping everything and hopping a freighter for some exotic port. Lola is Roland's boythood crush who has fallen on hard times. Instead of dreaming of the South Seas. Lole dons scarnly black ingen and performs at the infamous El Donado cabaret, which caters to American sailors. Like Demy's other ruminations on unrequited love, this one is langual and dreamy in tone. The plot is wafet-thin and jarringly meliodramatic. Aimee, however, is reason enough to catch this import (in French with English subtitles). — G. Lovell (NR: sexual situations.) 1 hour. 33 minutus. B"MONSOON WEDDING": An accomplished and aptranging bland of compdity

"MONSOON WEDDING": An accomplished and entrancing blend of comedy and drama from director Mira Nair ("Mississipp Masala"). Over four days, a flustered Purplatip pattirach prepares for an arranged marriage between his only daughter and an engineer from Houston. Unfortunately the bride is still in love with her married lover, and her spinisher cousin is about to drop a bombshell on the family. As thoroughly satisfying, subtle, stearny and balanced between serious and joyous as the best weddings actually are. — M. Pols. (R: language, including some sex-related dialogue.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. A "MONSTER" BALL": Lonelinass hangs over the first hall of director Marc Forster's movie like a sheet of rain: the loneliness of a single mother (Halle Berry), of a man going to the electric chair (Sean Combs) and a friendless racist who has just realized he has nothing to live for (Billy Bob Thornton). Berry and Thornton are both outstanding as a pair of unlikely lovers. A bleak and beautiful move, and while the rain never stops, it does ease up, offering one of the most delicately redemptive stories we've seen since "Dead Man Walking." — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, language, violence,) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A "MULHOLLAND DR.": At the end of this mind-trip, all you can do is laugh. David Lynch has once again led us on a merry dance through a minefeld littered with freaks, apple-ple moments we can't trust, termitying weridoes and puzzing, possibly pointless scenes. A beautiful amnesia: and a cheery, innocent ingenue set out to solve a mystery. Then they become different people. Chances are it's all a dream, or at least half a dream. Makes "Memento" look easy to understand. Lynch probably wort win himself any new fans with this one, but old ones will enjoy this excursion into his creative mind. — M. Pols. (R: violence, language and some drug content) on compus, so much so that he never wants to graduate. But Dad, played by Tim Matheson, cuts off Van's tution money, van and his sidekick, Hutch (Teck Holmes), and new finding

schemes ensue.

sexual content, gross humor, language and some drug content) 1 hour, 35 minutes. D

"THE OTHER SIDE OF HEAVEN": This directing debut of Brigham Young University grad Mitch Davis is an unabashed Mormon propaganda piece disguised as an adventure film. It recounts the spiritual initiation of John Groberg (Christopher Gorham), an Idaho native who leaves behind a girffriend (Anne Hathaway of "The Princess Diaries") in the '50s to be a missionary in the South Sea kingdom of Tonga. Not since English missionary Ingrid Bergman saved the Chinese from their basest institicts in "Inn of the South Happiness" has there been such a narcissistic screen spectacle of white Christian chauvinism vs. the dark-skinned heathen. — J. Stuart. (PG: thematic elements and brief disturbing images.) I hour, 53 minutes. F. "PANIC ROOM": Ignore the hype — and go see this thriller about a woman and her daughter trapped in their home with three male inituders. Star Jodie Foster is a superb match for director David Fincher ("Seven," "Fight Club"), who excels in showing the physical expression of the psychological Interior. Foster, as freshly divorced Meg Altman, and her smart, bitter daughter Sarah (an excellent performance by Kristen Stewart) move into a four-story rownstone with a "panic room" complete with impregnable steel walls, surveillance

monitors and independent air, water and electrical supply. They must resort to that room the very first night after three men (Jared Leto, Forest Whitaker, Dwight Yoakum) break in, and the standoff begins, since what the intruders want lies within the panic room. — V. Chan. (R: violence, language, 1) in bour, 48 minutes. A "RESIDENT EVIL: Sure, it's based on an enormously popular series of games. But haven't we had enough plyless joystick adaptations? The film is presented as a prequel to the games. When a virus is released, an underground research complex is sealed offi, and a group of commandos is dispatched to find out what happened. Milla Jovovich plays an amnesiac who's had her memory drained. She has a decent action-hero presence that goes to waste in the movie's misers of silly sturts, drab dialogue and obroxious industrial music. — D. Germain. (R: strong sci-fifthorror, violence, language and brief sexuality/mudity). I hour, 40 minutes. D+THE ROOKIE: "Critics tend to complain a lot about the violence and stupidity that pervades American cinema, so you might wonder whether we then feel obliged to praise a G-rated movie like this baseball movie simply because it's squeeky-clean. Not so. "The Rookie" is a good movie not because of what it leaves on, the good prices, decency and clignty. Dennis Quald plays Jim Morris, a real pitcher whose career was cut short as a young man because firs short as a young man because of short as a first proving the local version of the Bad News Bears. When his team makes a bet with him, he unexpectedly finds himself with a fresh chance at the game he loves. The resolution of his relationship with his cold unfeeling father (Brian Cox) is a bit pat, but this is a lovely family movie. Quaid gives a genume, understated performance. Rachel Griffifins plays his wfie, Angus T. Jones is beguiling soon. — M. Pols. (G) 2 hours. B+

"SHOWTIME": William Shatner's bit part in this sendup of those mismatched buddy movies at and Robert De Niro plays an old-school detective. They're thrown t

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Tour and Photographs" by Harvey Helfand. The two-hour tour highlights the history and anecdotes associated with key central campus buildings, land-scape features and sculpture. Meet at Sather Gate, University of California, Berkeley.

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THE STARRY PLOUGH —
"The Berkeley Poetry Slam,"
Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Poets
should arrive at 7:30 p.m. to
sign up. The first Wednesday of
the month is "Chicken Grease!"
hosted by Nazelah Jamison and
Karen Ladson with spinning by
DJ Funklor; all other Wednesdays are "The Berkeley Slam!"
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Three Blind Mice. For ages 21
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DUNSMUIR HOUSE & GARDENS — "Family Sundays," Sundays through Sept. 1, noon to 3 p.m. Pack picnics and enjoy G-rated entertainment, including puppetry, magic, music and dancing. The afternoon programs also include docentled tours of the mansion, as well as self-guided garden tours. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and children ages 14 to 18; free children ages 13 and under. 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (510) 615-5555.

THE SILK ROAD PROJECT
— closing April 28. The Silk
Road Project is an international
project originated by cellist Yo
Yo Ma to study the migration of
ideas, art, music, science and
other innovations among countries along the Silk Road, the
ancient network of trade routes
which connected Europe and
Asia. This year there will be 14
multicultural festivals and programs divided between Europe,
East and Central Asia and the
United States. Cal Performances is the only university
involved with the Project, offering an academic conference, the
"Silk Road Festival Gala," an
exhibit of Chinese paintings, a
colloquium on music, a Silk
Road Digital Atlas with demonstrations, Silk Road Project: YoYo Ma and the Mark Morris
Dance Group," April 19 through
April 21. The program of Morris
choreography includes "World
Power" to music by Lou Harrison, "Kolam" to music by Zakir
Hussain and Ethan Iverson, and
"V" to Robert Schumann's music. At Zellerbach Hall, Friday
and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3
p.m. \$34 to \$68.

ECAI Demonstrations, April
22 through April 28. The UC
Berkeley-based Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative collaborates with the Silk Road Digital Atlas to highlight the diffusion of
musical, artistic and religious
cultures in Central Asia.
Demonstrations take place be-

fore and during intermissions at the Silk Road Project concerts at Zellerbach Hall and at Hertz Hall.

"Sound Travels: A Musical Journey Along the Silk Roads." April 22 and April 23. An academic conference that focuses on the economic, political and cultural significance of the Silk Road. Sessions include "Introduction to the Silk Roads." April 22, 1:30 a.m.; "The Art of the Silk Roads." April 22, 1:30 p.m.; "Music Along the Silk Roads, April 23, 10 a.m."; and an April 23, 2 p.m. lecture demonstration with Theodore Levin, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and members of the Silk Road Ensemble. In Hertz Hall. Free.

"The Silk Road Festival Gala Benefit," April 23, 5 p.m. The benefit is held in conjunction with the "Silk Road Project and the exhibition of Chinese paintings tiled "Masterworks of Chinese Paintings tiled "Masterworks of Chinese Paintings in Pursuit of Mists and Clouds." The evening includes cocktails and viewing of the exhibit, dinner in the Art Museum's artium gallery, the premiere performance of the concert by Yo-Yo Ma and The Silk Road Ensemble, a lion dance ceremony and a post-performance dessert reception with Ma and members of the Ensemble. Proceeds support Cal Performance's presentation of the Silk Road Project and the Museum exhibition. At the UC Berkeley Art Museum, Zellerbach Hall and the Alumni House. \$500.

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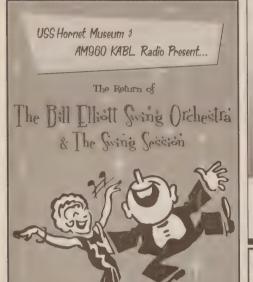
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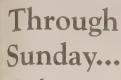
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A pearl white P1800S was built in May 1965, using body structures and panels produced by Press Steel Ltd. of Linwood, Scotland. The parts were assembled by Volvo in Lundby, Sweden.

With dual S.U. carburetors feeding fuel to the 108-horsepower overhead valve engine, the sleek Volvo was shipped off to the United States with three optional extras: an outside mirror, reclining seats and a dealer-installed FrigiKing underdash air conditioner. The base price was \$3,920.

The original owner lived in Palos Verde Estates, Calift, and he kept the Volvo 25 years.

When the car had 77,869 miles recorded on the odometer, it was acquired by William Jeanes, the former publisher of Road & Track magazine. He had intended to move the 14-foot, 5-inch-long car to Michigan but reality never matched fantasy.

The 2,670-pound Volvo spent the next five years under cover in Torrance, Calift, where it was well maintained.

Loyal readers of Road & Track magazine may remember the December 1994 issue in which the admittedly disorganized

to Cincinnati, utilizing the four-speed manual transmission enhanced with an electric overdrive

"It ran smoothly and quietly all day."
Miller reports. "At 65 mph the engine turns 3.200 rpm."

A set of Pirelli P3 165R15 tires on wheels with eight cooling slots support the car on its 96 1/2-inch wheelbase.

Miller corrected an oversight by the original owner in 1997 when he installed an aftermarket stereo system. He left in place on the dashboard the original radio plate.

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The leak returned in January 1999 and was replaced by the dealer at no oharge. The leak returned again in May 2001.

The dealer stated there was some foaming in the coolant and estimated \$525 parts and \$560 labor to repair threy basically wanted to replace all hoses, radiator, belts, etc.

This seemed like, "We don't know what's the problem, so let's replace everything and see what happens." I refused and had just the core replaced on May 21, 2001, costing \$460.

The leak has returned again. Do you have any recommendation on how to determine the real problem and solution?

A I hope others will be OK with me jumping this letter to the top of the to-do list, as you have certainly had a rough time with the Lumina's heater.

Corrosion and erosion within an aluminium heater core or radiator can be a serious problem if the cooling system isn't ser-

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result of coolant contamination. Foundry casting sand, gasket material, silicate drop-out and other debris can wear away the walls of a heater core or radiator, especially if the flow restricter has been inadvertently removed.

Electrolysis is the most likely cause of your Lumina's repeat failures, as a poorly grounded electrical accessory can cause current to flow through the coolant. This causes aluminum parts to oxidize and can lead to rapid perforation of the radiator or heater core.

While a typical iron-aluminum engine may see .1 volt (measured by immersing a voltmeter viced regularly, or seemingly harmless electrical faults are occurring.

I checked with Pat O'Conner of Buffalo, NM-based Fedoo Automotive Components, a leading manufacturer of heater cores, and learned that coolant acidity, contamination and electrolysis can cause repeat heater core failures, in some cases more frequently than yours.

Many repair shops and carowners simply renew a leaking heater core without giving much thought to coolant condition, as long as the color looks good. As coolant ages, its protective qualities diminish, allowing acidity to increase and abrasive particles to form and circulate.

When the coolant's pH level changes excessively, aluminum components such as radiators, speater core or radiator, specially if the flow restricter has been inadvertently removed.

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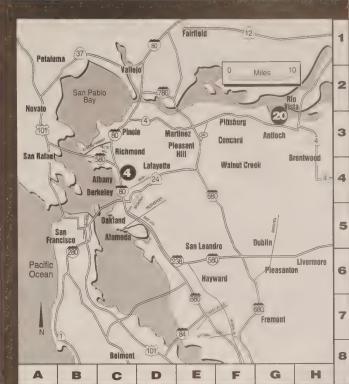
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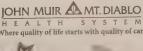
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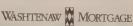
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